Hello Everyone,

As we near the end of August, the staff and I at NCNMEDD are excited to be working closely with all of you on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans (ICIPs), transportation planning as well as EDA and other funding opportunities. Beginning on August 24, we will be launching our new loan product, Working Now, to assist small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope these enhanced resources are helping our communities to build back from the pandemic and create a better future for us all.

Monica Abeita

NCNMEDD’s Working Now Loan Program was developed in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic through funding from the EDA. Working Now loans can help small businesses affected by the pandemic with expenses like payroll, rent, inventory, marketing, ecommerce development, personal protective equipment and small capital improvements. In addition to funding, NCNMEDD will provide borrowers with technical assistance throughout the life of the loan to foster business success and sustainability.

Working Now loans can be funded up to $10,000, carry a four percent interest rate and a $300 application fee that will be withdrawn from the loan disbursement once a loan is approved. No payments are required for the first six months of the loan. After the six-month deferment period, the loan balance is amortized over the following three years, for a total loan term of up to 42 months. There are no collateral requirements, but the loan does require a personal guarantee.

For more information or to submit an application, please visit www.ncnmedd.com/rlf

The advantage of a Working Now loan is that the program is simple and easy-to-use. The terms and conditions will not change and the loan review process is streamlined. NCNMEDD has staff and expertise to help you through the process so that your business can realize its full potential. For questions about advantages of the Working Now program, contact Keith Flynn at (505)-356-9600 or keithf@ncnmedd.com.
As you know, every five years NCNMEDD updates its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and we are currently undertaking that important task now. During these busy times, NCNMEDD staff reached out to many of you for information on community assets and to complete goal surveys for each county. The response to both requests was very strong and we thank you.

In September and October 2020, NCNMEDD plans to hold Roadshow meetings in each county of our region to present CEDS economic modeling and receive input from communities. It is our goal to have the Roadshows in person, but given the COVID-19 pandemic, nothing is certain at this stage. If necessary, we will provide first rate webinars in place of in-person meetings. Please check back here and on our website (ncnmedd.com) for Roadshow dates and formats. We look forward to seeing you soon, one way for the other!

**ICIP—Important Dates and Upcoming Events**

The Department of Finance & Administration-Local Government Division (DFA-LGD), in collaboration with the NM Association of Regional Councils (NewMARC), invites you to participate in the remaining 2020 ICIP Training Webinar Series, [REGISTER HERE](#).

On Wednesday, August 26, 2020 from 9:00-10:00 there will be an important training on the Capital Projects Monitoring System (CPMS) presented by the Capital Outlay Bureau. Given these uncertain financial times, having timely and accurate information in the CPMS system is critical to ensure that your funding remains intact and is not reverted.

Finally, there will be a Series 3 of the ICIP trainings in September, with dates and times to be announced. These trainings will include:

- Capital Outlay Process -- Capital Outlay Bureau & LFC
- Capital Outlay Request Form -- Legislative Council Services

The trainings are free to the public and will assist communities and local government officials in understanding and developing their Fiscal Year 2022-2026 ICIP. Also, NCNMEDD is available to provide technical assistance with your ICIP. Contact [Lesah Sedillo](mailto:lsedillo@ncnmedd.com) at 505-920-9257 or [lsedillo@ncnmedd.com](mailto:lsedillo@ncnmedd.com)

Carmen Morin, Program Manager, ICIP

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**Thank you for Helping with our CEDS**

Rio Arriba County, using a combination of State, CDBG, local and private funds, is making great strides in repurposing a former nursing home into a residential treatment facility for those suffering from addictions. This state-of-the-art recovery facility will create over 50 new jobs and will house well over 100 residents as they heal and recover.
NCNMEDD Transportation Update

NCNMEDD manages the Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO) and co-manages the North East Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NERTPO). The New Mexico Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (NMRTPO’s) are in the process of updating their Regional Transportation Plans statewide.

In order to inform the new update, we are seeking public participation through NERTPO and NPRTPO meetings and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Survey for each RTPO region. The survey will gather input on specific safety concerns, inform future projects, guide local investments, and provide direction to support decision-making through the following:

- Identify our region’s goals, vision, strategies, trends and transportation conditions for our long-range plan.
- Inform specific projects, needs and resources to guide the rating and ranking of local projects for investment within the region.
- Designate new funding and investment opportunities.
- Engage the general public, transportation partners, local government entities and RTPO Membership.

**Please Participate with the Regional Transportation Plan Survey!**

The Northern Pueblos Regional Planning Organization (NPRTPO) represents the following counties, communities and Tribal Governments within the region:

- Rio Arriba County
- Santa Fe County
- Los Alamos County
- Taos County

Access NPRTPO survey [here](#) or visit our [website](#) for additional meeting information.

The North East Regional Planning Organization (NERTPO) represents the following counties and the communities within the region:

- Colfax County
- Mora County
- San Miguel County

Access the NERTPO survey [here](#) or visit our [website](#) for additional meeting information.

As we all know, having a modern and functioning transportation system in northern New Mexico is the cornerstone for all economic prosperity and success. We greatly appreciate all of you who play a role in ensuring that we continue to improve the infrastructure we have in place and who work to develop new solutions to address future needs and requirements.

**Steve Fischer**

NCNMEDD Transportation Planner
EDA CARES Act Applications

There has been an overwhelming response from entities all across the NCNMEDD region to EDA CARES Act funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As with all EDA applications, NCNMEDD serves as the focal point for these requests to help focus projects and develop strategies that make applications more competitive. Although CARES Act funding is rapidly being allocated, it is still time to apply for funding if you have a project that fits the criteria of COVID-19 recovery and resilience and is developed enough to transition to the application stage.

The next EDA application review meeting will be held in mid-to-late September. Applications seeking to be reviewed at that time must be submitted electronically to EDA through grants.gov no later that September 11, 2020. There will be an additional October application review; however, funds are expected to be limited at that time. It is highly encouraged that all entities submit their applications for the September review cycle if possible.

If you have a project that you have not already discussed with NCNMEDD that might be a candidate for EDA CARES funding, please contact Steve Lacy at 505-787-3774 or at stevel@ncnmedd.com as soon as possible. If you have a good project that might not be adaptable to the enhanced timeframes associated with CARES Act funding, you can still apply for the regular EDA funding that becomes available in October 2020. In either case, discussing your project particulars with NCNMEDD and refining your scope will save you time and frustration down the road as you advance to the application process.

We are here to help you so do not hesitate to contact us with all of your EDA grant application questions and concerns.

2020 Census Deadline is now September 30, 2020

The final deadline to complete the 2020 Census is now September 30. You can respond online, over the phone, by mail, or in person. Door-to-door operations that were temporarily suspended in March have now resumed across the state. Please complete your census and encourage all of those who you come in contact with to do the same. Getting a robust and accurate count within New Mexico is paramount to receiving our fair share of Federal funding in the coming years. Please help all of New Mexico by encouraging everyone you know to take the few minutes required to perform this important civic duty.